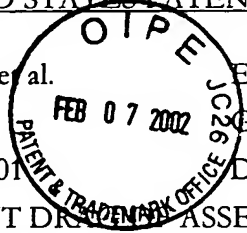


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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

In addition, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner:

- Applicants are aware that the Solid Edge™ product offered by either UGS, PLM Solutions, or EDS (applicants were unable to determine the exact owner of the product based on research on the Internet), and believe that the Solid Edge™ product may be relevant to the examination of the present patent application. The web site located at www.solid-edge.com was briefly investigated in an attempt to obtain additional information regarding the product and relevant information. However, Applicants do not have in their possession any documents relating to the Solid Edge™ product. Nonetheless, the Applicants encourage the Examiner to consider this information when performing a search for prior art in the present application.
- Applicants are aware that the line of products offered by Solidworks Corporation may be relevant to the examination of the present application. Specifically, technology or product features referred to as Smart Mates™ contained within one or more of the Solidworks Corporation products may be relevant to the examination of the present application. The

web site located at www.solidworks.com was briefly investigated in an attempt to obtain additional information. However, beyond the information cited herein (including a press release and several patents by Solidworks Corporation), Applicants do not have in their possession any documents relating to the specific relevant products or technology offered by Solidworks Corporation. Nonetheless, the Applicants encourage the Examiner to consider this information when performing a search for prior art in the present application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art". Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed herein is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please direct any response or inquiry to the below-signed attorney at (310) 641-8797.

Respectfully submitted,

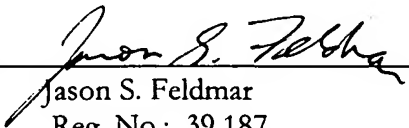
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